

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for treating bronchial asthma ~~by inhibiting~~ due to the accumulation of eosinophiles in cells, tissues or a body, comprising administering an effective amount of black rice extract to an individual in need thereof.

Claims 2-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the black rice extract comprises pelargonidin represented by Formula 1.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A method for treating symptoms of bronchial asthma due to the accumulation of eosinophiles in cells, tissues or a body, comprising administering an effective amount of black rice extract to an individual in need thereof; ~~wherein said symptoms result from the accumulation of eosinophiles in the cells, tissues or body of said individual.~~

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The method of claim ~~1~~ 18, wherein the black rice extract comprises pelargonidin represented by Formula 1.

Claim 20 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 1, wherein the black rice extract comprises pelargonidin represented by Formula 1, cyanidin glycoside presented by Formula 2, or a combination thereof.

Claim 21 (Withdrawn): A method for treating bronchial asthma by inhibiting the accumulation of eosinophiles in cells, tissues or a body comprising administering an effective amount of cyanidin glycoside (cyanidin 3-O- β -glucopyranoside) represented by Formula 2 or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof to an individual in need thereof;

wherein Formula 2 is represented by the following:

